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SUMMARY: MOZAMBIQUE'S PRESIDENT MACHEL'S VISIT TO OSLO PROVED
MORE VALUABLE TO GON FOR DISCUSSION OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE
MATTERS THAN FOR POLITICAL TALKS. GON AND VISITORS AGREED ON
SOME CONCRETE AID STEPS WHILE NORWEGIAN PARLIAMENT WILL
CONSIDER MORE EXPANDED AID ROLE FOR MOZAMBIQUE WITHIN A MONTH.
POLITICAL TALKS DEVELOPED MORE INTO A MACHEL LECTURE ON
COLONIALISM. HE OFFERED LITTLE HOPE FOR ALTERNATIVE
PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO CURRENT SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS. END
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SUMMARY.

1. MOZAMBIQUE'S PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL'S VISIT TO OSLO
APR 27-28 WAS A COMBINATION OF BUSINESS AND DECLAMATION.
IN DISCUSSING MATTERS RELATING TO NORWEGIAN DEVELOPMENT
ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE, THE PRESIDENT AND HIS PARTY WERE
ALL BUSINESS, SERIOUS AND PRACTICAL. IN DISCUSSING POLITI-

CAL ISSUES WITH PRESS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS MACHEL WAS DECLAMATORY. DURING VISIT HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS FOREIGN MINISTER JOUGUI AND COMMERCE MINISTER MACHUNGO. WELCOMED BY KING OLAV, THEY MET WITH PRIME MINISTER NORDLI, FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND AND PARLIAMENTARY OFFICIALS.

2. THE MOST SUBSTANTIVE TALKS DURING THE OSLO VISIT WERE ON AID, WHERE THE AFRICANS AND NORWEGIANS PICKED UP FROM THE DISCUSSIONS HELD BY THEIR AID EXPERTS A MONTH EARLIER IN MOZAMBIQUE. THE NORWEGIANS AGREED TO SEND SPECIALISTS TO MOZAMBIQUE TO EVALUATE PROJECTS FOR MAPPING A POTENTIAL IRON ORE DEPOSIT AND FOR DEVELOPING A WATER POWER INSTALLATION. NORWAY AGREED TO SEND ITS OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH SHIP "FRITJOF NANSEN" ON A SIX MONTH OR FISHERY RESEARCH PROJECT ALONG THE MOZAMBIQUE COAST BEGINNING IN JULY. THE NORWEGIANS DECLINED ADDITIONAL FISHERY ASSISTANCE REQUESTED BECAUSE THEY NOW FIND THEIR AID OVEREXTENDED IN THIS FIELD. GON EXPERTS AGREED SOMEWHAT MORE RELUCTANTLY TO CONSIDER A REQUEST TO ASSIST IN FUNDING PERSONNEL COSTS FOR OPERATING MOZAMBIQUE'S COASTAL SHIPPING WHICH IS APPARENTLY SERIOUSLY DEPLETED BY DEPARTURE OF PORTUGUESE SEAMEN. THE MOZAMBIQUE LEADERS SAID THEY WANTED TO ENCOURAGE FOREIGN FIRMS TO REESTABLISH THERE, BUT GON OFFICIALS WERE DISCOURAGED TO LEARN THAT THE AFRICANS EXPECTED MANY OF THE PORTUGUESE NOW EMPLOYED ON CONTRACTS IN MOZAMBIQUE TO LEAVE WHEN THEIR CONTRACTS EXPIRED.

3. NORWEGIANS INFORMED MACHEL THAT KEY TO FUTURE NORWEGIAN
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AID LAY IN GOVERNMENT'S PRESENT PROPOSAL BEFORE PARLIAMENT TO MAKE MOZAMBIQUE ONE OF NORWAY'S MAIN AID PARTNERS. THIS WOULD PUT GON ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ON LONG TERM BASIS AND PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL FUNDING INCREASES. THIS YEAR NORWAY IS FURNISHING APPROXIMATELY \$3,800,000 SPLIT EQUALLY BETWEEN ROAD BUILDING EQUIPMENT AND A JOINT NORDIC AGRICULTURAL PROJECT. AN ADDITIONAL \$1,400,000 IS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE OF COMMODITIES WHICH MOZAMBIQUE WILL LATER DESIGNATE. (COMMENT: PARLIAMENT WILL CONSIDER GON'S MAIN AID PARTNER PROPOSAL WITHIN A MONTH. OUTCOME IS UNCERTAIN AND DISCUSSION IS LIKELY TO BE HEATED WITH STRONG NON-SOCIALIST PARTY OPPOSITION TO DESIGNATING MACHEL'S COUNTRY AS PRIORITY AID COUNTRY. IF VOTE FOLLOWS STRICT PARTY LINES, AS IT MIGHT, GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL IT COULD CARRY BY ONE VOTE. QUESTION THEN WOULD BE UP TO GON TO DECIDE WHETHER TO PROCEED WITH CONTENTIOUS AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS WHICH MIGHT GET SNAGGED IF GOVERNMENT WAS CHANGED BY NORWAY'S SEPTEMBER ELECTION. ALTERNATIVE TO MAIN AID PARTNERSHIP WHICH PARLIAMENT IS NOW CONSIDERING IS TO

INCREASE AID FUNDING TO MOZAMBIQUE WITHOUT MAKING THE
COUNTRY A MAIN AID PARTNER AND ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT
NORWEGIAN AID (NORAD) OFFICER IN MAPUTO.)

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4. POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS WERE LESS SATISFACTORY FOR THE
GON, ACCORDING TO MFA OFFICIALS. AFTER FOREIGN MINISTER
FRYDENLUND OUTLINED GON VIEWS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA INDICATING
NORWAY HOPED TO SEE A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT THERE, MACHEL
COUNTERED BY SAYING HE WOULD HAVE WISHED THE SAME, BUT
FIGHTING HAD BEGUN AND WAS NECESSARY TO FORCE NEGOTIATIONS
AND TO GET SOLUTIONS. MACHEL DID NOT DISCUSS ALTERNATIVE
SOLUTIONS TO SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS AS GON HAD HOPED
BUT RATHER DELIVERED ATTACK ON COLONIALISMS AND
WESTERN POWER EFFORTS TO SPLIT LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.
FRYDENLUND REPORTEDLY REJECTED MACHEL'S ACCUSATIONS THAT
NATO WAS WORKING WITH SOUTH AFRICA. MACHEL MADE NO
RESPONSE TO FOREIGN MINISTER'S SUGGESTION THAT FAVORABLE
MOVEMENT APPEARED TO EXIST IN THE AFRICAN POLICIES OF MAJOR
WESTERN ACTIONS, CITING U.S. AS EXAMPLE. MACHEL LASHED
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OUT AGAINST RHODESIA FOR WAGING ECONOMIC WAR WITH CAPITALIST POWER SUPPORT THEREBY FORCING MOZAMBIQUE TO TURN ELSEWHERE FOR HELP. DEPENDENCE ON THE SOUTH AFRICAN ECONOMY HOBbled HIS COUNTRY, MACHEL SAID, WHICH WAS ADDITIONALLY BESET BY PROBLEMS INHERITED FROM COLONIALISM. MACHEL DID NOT COMMENT ON USSR NOR CUBAN AID IN THESE TALKS. HE WAS MILDLY CRITICAL OF THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT.

5. DURING PRESS CONFERENCE MAY 28 MACHEL THANKED NORWEGIANS FOR THEIR SUPPORT TO FRELIMO, BLAMED THE CONFLICTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA ON FOREIGN INTERVENTION. HE SAID HE SAW NO POSSIBILITY OF PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO RHODESIA PROBLEM AND CALLED U.S. AND UK "HYPOCRITES THAT CLAIM TO SUPPORT SANCTIONS AND LIBERATION BUT ACT DIFFERENTLY IN PRACTICE." "WE HAVE A STRONG FEELING THAT USSR SUPPORTS US FOR DEVELOPMENT REASONS," HE SAID, "BUT NO COUNTRY HAS A MONOPOLY ON HELPING US, AND THAT INCLUDES THE USSR."

6. COMMENT: MACHEL'S VISIT TO OSLO WAS ARRANGED THROUGH PRESENT SWEDISH GOVERNMENT WHOSE OFFICIALS INDICATED TO GON LAST FEB THAT MACHEL WAS COMING TO SWEDEN AND ALSO WANTED TO VISIT NORWAY. GON OFFICIALS READILY ACCEPTED THE REQUEST AS THEY FEEL IT IS ESSENTIAL LINES OF COMMUNICATION BE HELD OPEN TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES; THEY ALSO RECOGNIZE CERTAIN POLITICAL ADVANTAGES WITHIN THE LABOR PARTY AND THE POLITICAL LEFT IN HAVING SUCH A VISIT BEFORE THE FALL ELECTION. OVER ALL THE VISIT ACCOMPLISHED THESE OBJECTIVES BUT LEFT THE CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT MACHEL FELL SHORT IN ABILITY AND BALANCE OF EARLIER AFRICAN CALLERS, NYRERE AND MUZOREWA.
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